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Electronic Public Access (EPA) Fee Schedule Change

The Judicial Conference, at its March 2002 session, amended the language of Section I of the Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule for the appellate, district, and bankruptcy courts, the United States Court of Federal Claims, and the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation (adopted by the Judicial Conference pursuant to sections 1913, 1914, 1926, 1930, and 1932 of title 28, United States Code). The amendment places a cap on the seven cents per page charge for Internet access to data obtained electronically from the public records of individual cases in the courts. This amendment establishes that a user will be charged a maximum \$2.10, the equivalent of 30 pages, for electronic access to any single document. It is important to note, however, that attachments will be treated as separate documents for purposes of this rule.

The cap will produce savings for attorneys and the public, while enabling the judiciary to continue to fund the Electronic Public Access Program. In addition, EPA fee revenues have and continue to fund the development and implementation costs of the Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) system, without which the judiciary would not have been able to achieve the advanced stage of development and implementation of this important system. The 30 page cap became effective April 1, 2002, for Bankruptcy CM/ECF courts and will become effective July 1, 2002, for District CM/ECF courts in conjunction with the normal billing cycle for the PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records) system.